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📍 Toyota City, Japan

📅 October 14

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Congratulatory Remarks

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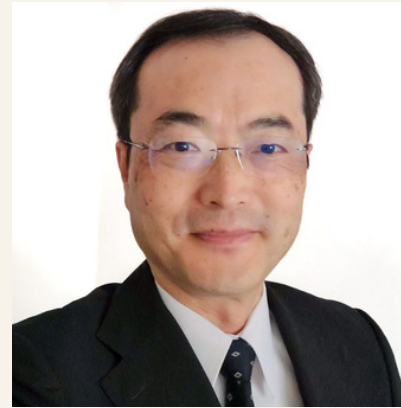
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Introductory Session

📍 Toyota City, Japan

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Session 1: Digital Connectivity for Preparedness and Resilience – Data and Infrastructure

📍 Toyota City, Japan

📅 October 14

🕒 11 AM



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Session 2: Safe and Resilient Housing, Cities, and Communities

📍 Toyota City, Japan

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Session 3: Circular Solutions, Resource Efficiency, and Sustainable Waste Management towards Cleaner Cities

📍 Toyota City, Japan

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Session 4: Advancing National to Local Adaptation and Competitiveness to Address the Climate Crisis

📍 Toyota City, Japan

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Session 5: Financing for Low-Carbon and Climate-Resilient Planning and Bankable Projects / Breaking the Local Government Finance Gridlock – Investment Pathways

📍 Toyota City, Japan

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🕒 9 AM



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Session 6: Foresight and Institutional Capacities for Preparedness, Risk Reduction and Resilience

📍 Toyota City, Japan

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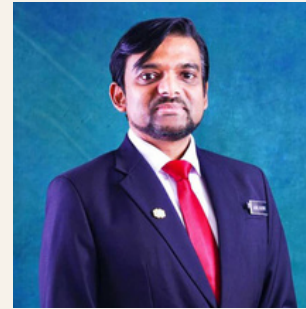
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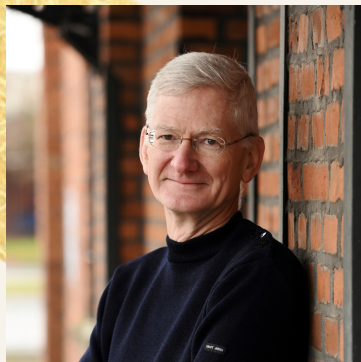


Session 7: Intergenerational Cooperation and Inclusive Governance

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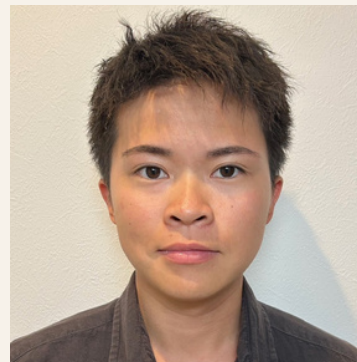
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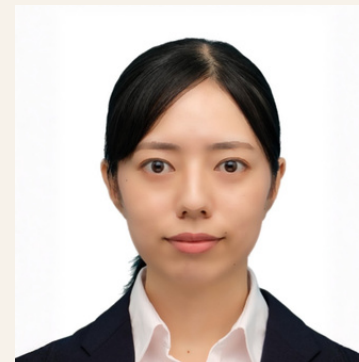
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Session 8: Country Experiences Implementing Multi-Level Governance to Achieve the SDGs

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Session 9: Launch of Voluntary Local Reviews 2025

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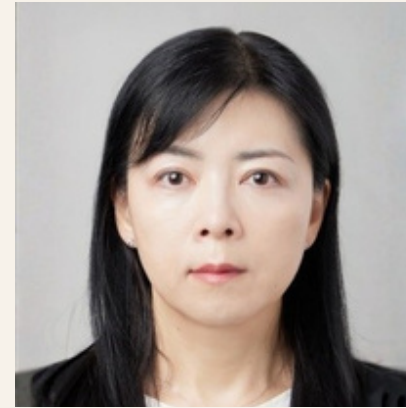
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Session 10: SDG Localization Champions and 2025 Global Voluntary Local Reviews Dialogue

📍 Toyota City, Japan

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Session 11: Monitoring Progress on SDG Localization and Ensuring Accountability – Champions in Action

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